

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 1407

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EFIN  
SUBJECT: FINANCE MINISTER ATEEQI VISITING SAUDI ARABIA TO  
DISCUSS DOLLAR PROBLEM  
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REF: (A) KUWAIT 1388, (B) KUWAIT 1367.

1. PRESS REPORTS FINANCE MINISTER ATEEQI LEFT KUWAIT  
MARCH 7 FOR RIYADH ON "SPECIAL MISSION RELATED TO THE  
SITUATION OF US DOLLAR AND THE POSITION TO BE ADOPTED  
BY OIL EXPORTING COUNTRIES REGARDING THE CONTINUED

DECLINE OF THE DOLLAR". ATEEQI REPORTEDLY IS CARRYING MESSAGE FROM AMIR TO KING KHALED EXPLAINING KUWAIT'S VIEWPOINT ON DOLLAR DECLINE AND LOSSES INCURRED BY OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES.

2. IN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED MARCH 8 ATEEQI CONFINED HIMSELF TO SAYING THAT VARIOUS GOV. COMMITTEES WERE STUDYING THE PROBLEM AND THAT CONTINUED DOLLAR DECLINE WOULD AFFECT GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES AND MIGHT LEAD TO DISCUSSION OF AUSTERITY MEASURES.

3. COMMENT: OTHER REPORTING INDICATES ATEEQI MAY PUSH THE SAUDIS FOR AN OIL PRICE RISE. BLAND INTERVIEW INDICATES THAT IN PUBLIC, AT LEAST, HE IS SAYING NOTHING WHICH WOULD UPSET THE SAUDIS.  
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